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The Producer and the Spinner of Cotton-

Can the growers sell d'rect to the

We might answer this at once by asking another question, viz: Do the mills contract for all their coal through the coal speculators, or do the mills deal directly with the producers of

deal directly with the producers of coal?

If the mills buy their fuel from the mines it goes without saying that if cotton growers will bulk their cotton, and put themselves in the same position as the business mine owners do, the mills will then come to the cotton producers without any asking!

As the situation now stands the mill men cannot deal directly with the farmer, for the simple reason that the farmer is not in shape in his unorganized state to get his cotton in sufficient bulk to pable even one of our local mills to contract for his season's supply of cotton direct with the farmer. No one can sell 100 bales unless he has 100 bales! Therefore, our local mills, as well as others, are compelled to either contract with the cotton speculator for their cotton or hire a lot of men to go out on the markets and pick up their supply in a competitive way—one mill bidding against the other.

Good business farmers, as well as mill men, have learned to avoid what they call cut throat competition business, and most mills now are forced to contract with the cotton speculators for their cotton.

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When our local mills thus place their contracts with the speculator, this is virtually loaning all this vast capital to the cotton speculator, who in turn uses this money power to depress prices of cotton, and robs the local mill man's neighbor, the cotton farmer.

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Does this system of our local mills foster community interest in the upbuilding of the South?

Organized business farmers have learned from experience to handle this mill conference business rather gingerly, somewhat after the fashion of the ass that nubleth the thistle.

On several occasions the Farmers' Union of Anderson has invited mill men to a conference with them on the subject of seiling directly to the mills, with the result that only one mill man has ever appeared at these meetings.

This snub has caused the organized farmers to drive down their no good stake at this mill station, and look forward for relief with the full knowledge of the truth that the fault of the situation is not in our stars or the mills or in anybody else except ourselves!

selves!
The up-to-date ofganized farmer has learned from experience that if farmers want anything done for their interest that the farmer is competent to do for themselves the things they ant done, and that the farmers must

motherwas can have the farmers must do their own work, or it will not be done.

Our way out of this different new the farmers and the farmers

born fool will continue to act a fool, and such men are not wanted in our organization.

organization.

It does not take a philosopher or a prophet to see what profitable prices to the producer of cotton has done for the South during the last two years. It is plainly written out on the whole face of the earth in our Southland—from the Rio Grande to the James Rivers—so plainly that he that runs may read prosperity in every business all over the South.

It ought to now be plain to every business man in the South that profitable prices to the producer of cotton is like the philosopher's stone, it turns everything into gold that it touches, while unprofitable prices for cotton drags down every business of the South like a loathsome, contagious disease drags down the life of men.

J. C. Stribling, Chairman Press Committee Farmers' Union,

GENERAL NEWS.

- Six persons were reported to have seen burned to death in a tenementhouse fire in New York.

- A tobacco factory at Elktop, Ky., operated by the tobacco trust, was blown up by dynamite.

— Jim Green, a negro, was lynched by a negro mob at Boyle, Miss., for assaulting a little colored girl.

— The Franklin School building, at Parkersburg, W. Va., was burned, and citizens believe it was set afire.

- North Carolina is preparing to send a car load of agricultural exhibits to New England and other Northern

— Six children were burned to death and the mother and father barely escaped themselves in a fire at Lissoy, Pa.

- Fines aggregating to \$7,400 were imposed upon four of the most prominent men of Greensboro, N. C., for gambling a few days ago.

- William McWilliams has been sentenced to be hanged for the mur-der of his wife and five children three

Bill Thompson, a negro, died in Birmingham, Ala., on Saturday of 'corn liquorism.' He drank 48 York city, has bequeathed a piece of glasses to win a bet but he met his sitel of Charleston, to found a surgiinish in the 48th glass. - The Rev. W. C. Swearer, who is on his first furlough after seven years of service in Kores, reports a most re-

markable movement toward Christian-ity among the Korean people. - A bed in the residence of Ber ney Weggeman, at Cullman, Ala., burned last week. A little 6-year-old

child was burned to death and its mother was seriously injured. - The American hervest of broom-

- Chester will not have an election on the dispensary, there not being enough names on the petition.

- South Carolina, according to the official figures, spends the least money per capita with the post office depart-

- David T. Corbin, United States District Attorney for South Carolina in reconstruction days, is dead in Chicago, aged 72.

- Mrs. Stanley, of Wellford, accidentally shot herself one day last week while handling a pistol. The wound may prove fatal.

- The State Treaturer wants \$300,000 between this time and January 1 to meet the obligations of the State falling due at that time.

- Representative G. L. Toole, of Aiken, says he is going to push the 10-hour factory labor law at the next session of the legislature.

— J. H. Butler, a colored farmer of Saluda, accidentally dropped a revol-ver on the hearth and it discharged, killing his two year-old child.

- Judge Prince has allowed bail in the sum of \$1,000 to Chief of Police Littlefield, who shot and killed the negro Lewis Broughton, at Greer. - The dead body of a supposed In-

disn was found on a public road in Laucaster County. He froze to

- The office of the County Treasurer in Georgetown was broken into the other night and only the cash drawer was broken open and about one hundred pennics stolen. There is no clue to the guilty party.

- A Washington dispatch declares the twenty-four national banks of South Carolina make as good a showing as those from any State in the country under the last call of the controller of the currency, sent out November 10.

The three negroes tried at a special term of court last week at Kingatree for the brutal murder of weeks ago at Independence, 10wa.

— Edward Atkinson, the well known social and political economist, is dead at Boston. He was '8 years old. Death was caused by acute indication.

Begins, Repola, Kingatree for the brutal murder of Mr. Julian Wilson, one of the most highly respected and inoffensive citizens of Williamsburg, were convicted and sentenced to hang on January 1906.

pital of Charleston, to found a surgical ward for the treatment of white people. Miss Walker is a former resident of Charleston, having left that city about twenty years ago and removed to New York with her moth-

- One day last week as Henderson Carroll was passing from Blacksburg to his home a bridge across a small stream gave way when he was on it in his buggy. but fortunately neither he nor his buggy and tear re injured, will furnish material and, singularly, a fe later his

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